

forgotten your father's advice, and the promise you made. There is a certain princess with whom alone you can be happy, and by whose advice and assistance only it is possible for you to sit securely on the throne of Content.

This shocked the Prince like a blast of lightening. He remained silent for a while; but at last took leave of her a second time with a good deal of seeming resolution and composure. He now made the best of his way to the metropolis, and, after convincing the Nobles of his right to the crown, was seated upon the throne. His first business was to enquire for the Princess's Virtue, whom he was resolved to marry; but he was informed, that, immediately upon the accession of the late King, she retired from court, and had since never been heard of.

It was, however, believed she had not left the kingdom, and therefore several of the nobility were dispatched in search of her. Not many days passed before a message was brought to the King, that the Princess was arrived. She was accordingly introduced to his presence; but who can describe his surprise and rapture, when she appeared to be the very nymph whom he had so lately quitted with such inexpressible reluctance? Their marriage was immediately solemnized, and he,

he, instructed by his misfortunes, and advised by this fair consort, continued to govern his kingdom many years, adored by his subjects, and extolled by all mankind.

Thus it frequently happens. What we call Good Fortune often proves our ruin; whilst others are conducted to happiness by temporary evils. Both good and ill fortune require great circumspection and steadiness of soul; for in either situation we are apt to lose the use of our reason; in our prosperity we are too much elated, and too much depressed in adversity.

MORAL.

In the day of Prosperity be joyful, but in the day of Adversity, consider.

